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of the Governor's Postsecondary Scholarship is to provide Montana residents with greater access to Montana's postsecondary institutions and Montana's private colleges, through scholarship grants based on academic achievement and financial need, with a goal of alleviating student debt burdens, which will allow more Montanans to stay in the state upon graduation.

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Montana Governor's Postsecondary Scholarship Program

The Governor's Postsecondary Scholarship Program is divided into 3 areas: merit scholarships, at-large scholarships and need-based scholarships. Each scholarship is administered in a different way.

A student is eligible to receive a scholarship providing the student:

- Has been accepted by an eligible Montana postsecondary institution for full time enrollment.
- Has completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Does not have an expected family contribution (EFC) exceeding the cost of attendance at the postsecondary institution the student will attend.
- Has not been awarded a Montana University System Honor Scholarship.
- If a male, has met the Title IV selective service requirements.
- Is not in default on a Title IV or state of Montana education loan.
- Does not owe a refund to a federal Title IV or state of Montana student financial aid program.
- Is a resident of the state of Montana (Board of Regents Policy 940.1) .
- Is not incarcerated.
- Is an entering freshman at a qualifying Montana postsecondary institution seeking a first certificate, associate, or baccalaureate degree.
- Uses the scholarship within 9 months after high school graduation at any Montana University System Campus or Tribal College.
- Completes 30 semester hours at the end of each college school year
- Maintains a cumulative 2.5 GPA at the end of each year of college

*Two year scholarships may only be transferred between another two-year program and a four-year scholarship and only be transferred between another four-year program.

Merit At-Large Scholarships

Students must apply for the merit-at-large scholarship and submit a completed application to the MGSLP no later than March 31st of the award year. Late and incomplete application will not be accepted. There will be a total of 55 scholarships awarded annually base on merit: 20 scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each to attend a 4-yr college for a maximum of 4 consecutive years and 35 in the amount of \$1,000 each to attend a 2-yr college for a maximum of 2 consecutive years.

Merit-at-large scholarships will be systematized by the MGSLP and forwarded to the postsecondary institutions. The financial aid offices at colleges will verify enrollment and financial need, and then make the scholarship offers based upon this list.



Merit Scholarships

The merit scholarship consists of either \$1,000 awarded annually and renewable annually for 4 consecutive years if attending a 4-yr college, or \$1,000 awarded annually and renewable annually for 2 consecutive years if attending a 2-yr college. The top-achieving, qualifying student from each of Montana's accredited high schools would receive a merit scholarship. The student with the highest GPA would receive the MUS Honor Scholarship, the next highest-ranking student with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 as of the end of the 6th semester of high school or, in the case of a student graduating in three years, at the end of the 4th semester of high school, and who has met admission requirements at the college they plan to attend, would be eligible to receive either the 4-yr or 2-yr Governor's Scholarship. The 3.00 GPA has to be maintained through the 7th semester of high school (or the 5th semester if graduating early).

Need-Based Scholarships

Colleges will be allocated need-based awards each year by the MGSLP based upon the most recent full time equivalent enrollment (FTE) information provided by financial aid offices to the MGSLP for students enrolled in a 2-yr certificate or associate programs. The MGSLP will then advise each college of the specific number of general, health science, and technology scholarships it must award. Each institution will receive a minimum of 5 need-based scholarships, regardless of the actual FTE calculation and the financial aid office will be responsible for identifying and awarding scholarships to need-based recipients. Need-based scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded annually for a maximum of 2 consecutive years. Financial need is the only criteria the scholarship will be based on.

